

42 USC
652 note.

(1) SECRETARIAL RESPONSIBILITY. —

Section 452 (42 U.S.C. 652), as amended by section 345 of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

42 USC 659
a.

"(k)(1) If the Secretary receives a certification by a State agency in accordance with the requirements of section 454(31) that an individual owes arrearages of child support in an amount exceeding \$5,000, the Secretary shall transmit such certification to the Secretary of State for action (with respect to denial, revocation, or limitation of passports) pursuant to paragraph (2).

"(2) The Secretary of State shall, upon certification by the Secretary transmitted under paragraph (1), refuse to issue a passport to such individual, and may revoke, restrict, or limit a passport issued previously to such individual.

"(3) The Secretary and the Secretary of State shall not be liable to an individual for any action with respect to a certification by a State agency under this section."

(2) STATE AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY. —

Section 454 (42 U.S.C. 654), as amended by sections 301(b),

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a) \$5,000 under which procedure—

333, "(A) each individual concerned is
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this opportunity to contest the
Act, determination; and

is "(B) the certification by the State agency is
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ded to the Secretary in such format and
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supporting documentation, as the Secretary
may require/5

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the
amendments made
by this section shall become
effective October 1, 1997.

SEC. 371. INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.

(a) AUTHORITY FOR INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENTS.—Part D of
title IV, as amended by section 362(a) of
this Act, is amended
by adding after section 459 the following new
section:

"SEC. 469A. INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.

"(a) AUTHORITY FOR DECLARATIONS.—

"(1) DECLARATION.—The Secretary of
State with the
concurrence of the Secretary of Health
and Human Services
is authorized to declare any foreign
country (or a political
subdivision thereof) to be a foreign
reciprocating country if
the foreign country has established, or
undertakes to establish,
procedures for the establishment and
enforcement of duties
of support owed to obligees who are
residents of the United
States and such procedures are
substantially in conformity
with the standards prescribed under
subsection (b).

"(2) REVOCATION.—A declaration with
respect to a foreign
country made pursuant to paragraph
(1) may be revoked if
the Secretaries of State and Health and
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